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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action mailed May 23, 2003, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response was initially due August 23, 2003. Applicants herein submit a petition for a one month extension of time to September 23, 2003, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, with the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

This response is accompanied by a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Thus, the finality of the outstanding final office action will be withdrawn and Applicants are entitled to have this first submission for this RCE entered and considered on the merits.

Amendments to the specification are on page 3 of this paper.

The amendments are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the drawings are on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Petition for extension of time, transmittal letter, and check;
- Request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114;
- Postcard;
- Exhibit A (recently issued claims);
- Rule 132 declaration by Dr. Jay Short;
- Terminal Disclaimers under 37 CFR §§3.73(b) and 1.321(b);
- Corrected Figure 5A and annotated sheet showing changes.